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FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJ: MSN C-321C

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE THE TRACKER PLOT OF MSN C-321C SHOWED THE ARTICLE 10NM WEST OF CRSE AT POINTS D AND F AND ALSO AT LESSER DISTANCES OF 1 TO 5 NM WEST OF COURSE DURING MOST OF THE MISSION. THE TRACKER PLOT WAS DOUBLED CHECKED FOR ACCURACY BY [REDACTED] FLT PLANNERS AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FOUND CORRECT.

2. AN ANALYSIS OF THE MSN TRACK WAS PERFORMED TODAY [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE THE REASON FOR THE TRACK ERRORS. THE TRACKER PLOT, [REDACTED] MSN MAP, AND THE [REDACTED] WERE USED. FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF BOTH ANALYSES:

A. AT PT B PILOT RECORDED ACTUAL WIND FROM NAV COMPUTER OF 118/38 KNOTS. FORECAST WAS 090/25 KTS. THIS WAS LAST RECORD OF WIND BY PILOT.

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READOUT DATA SHOWS ACTUAL POSITION OF ARTICLE AT PT C TO BE 10NM WNW OF PLANNED CRSE POSITION. THIS ERROR CONCLUDED TO BE CAUSED BY STRONGER THAN FORECASTED WIND ON LEG B-C.

C. ALTHOUGH PILOT TURNED 30 SECONDS EARLY AT PT D, ERROR AT PT C AND WINDS STRONGER THAN FORECASTED CAUSED 10NM ERROR AT PTS D AND F. SHOW THAT PILOT NOTED ERROR AT PTS D AND F AND MADE CORRECTIONS TO THE LEFT UP TO 16 DEGREES. HOWEVER, THESE WERE INADEQUATE TO RETURN HIM ALL THE WAY BACK TO CRSE.

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D. THE EFFECT OF THE FIRST ERROR AT PT C CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE FLT ALTHOUGH PILOT CORRECTIONS EVENTUALLY RETURNED HIM TO A PRECISE TRACK ON LEG U-V.

3. AFTER A DETAILED STUDY OF THE MSN DATA IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT:

A. THE ERRORS WERE CAUSED BY STRONGER THAN FORECASTED WINDS.

B. THERE WAS NO DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DEVIATE FROM THE PLANNED CRSE.

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C. THE PILOT SHOWED NO LACK OF PORFICIENCY AND
MADE WHAT HE UNDERSTANDABLY THOUGHT WERE PROPER CORRECTIONS
TO RETURN TO COURSE.

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 THAT THE ERRORS WERE A RESULT OF UNPREDICTED WINDS.

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